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October is designated as Registered Apprenticeship Awareness Month

PENSACOLA, Fla.--October has been designated as Registered Apprenticeship Awareness Month (RAAM 2000), by the U.S. Department of Labor. The purpose of RAAM 2000 is to increase awareness of and support for registered apprenticeship training.

In keeping with the theme of RAAM 2000, the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP), as well as all other registered apprenticeship programs throughout the United States will be conducting outreach activities during October.

A federally approved apprenticeship program under the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Labor, USMAP develops highly trained military service personnel who will continue to use their technical skills and knowledge while on active duty. USMAP is managed by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) in cooperation with the Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. After fulfilling their military obligation, service members in the program will qualify for employment in sought-after civilian trades, such as carpentry and welding.

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To qualify for the USMAP, enlisted service members must be on active duty, have a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) equivalent, be designated in a rating or military occupational specialty (MOS) with approved skills and meet the requirements for the journeyman trade.

The benefits of joining the program include recognition of skills learned, documented proof of work experience and related technical instruction, and improved chances of finding full-time employment when entering the civilian sector.

Completion of the program leads to certification in a designated trade, occupation, or craft and often means starting jobs with higher pay in the civilian workforce. Some colleges may offer credit for completion of the apprenticeship program toward an Associate of Applied Science degree. Individuals who successfully complete the USMAP are issued a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship from the U.S. Department of Labor and are considered among the most highly skilled craftsmen in industry.

For more information on USMAP, and to see if your rating or occupational specialty is one of the 107 approved trades eligible for this career opportunity program, check with your command Training Department, Command Career Counselor, Educational Services Officer, or your Marine Lifelong Learning Center. For a complete list of approved trades and further information, visit <http://www.cent.navy.mil.nnaps>. You can telephone the USMAP office at COMM (850) 452-4940 ext. 307/312 or DSN 922-4940 ext. 307/312, or send e-mail to netpdtc.usmap@cnet.navy.mil. For more information about RAAM 2000, go to www.nastad.net, or www.naglo.org.